

# 16.90 PSET 3 SOLUTION

## PROBLEM 1

$$u_i = U_i$$

$$U_{i+1} = U_i + \Delta x U_{xi} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^2 U_{xxxi} + \frac{1}{6} \Delta x^3 U_{xxxxi} + O(\Delta x^4)$$

$$U_{i+2} = U_i + 2\Delta x U_{xi} + \frac{1}{2} 4\Delta x^2 U_{xxxi} + \frac{1}{6} 8\Delta x^3 U_{xxxxi} + O(\Delta x^4)$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta x}(\alpha u_i + \beta U_{i+1} + \gamma U_{i+2}) = \frac{1}{\Delta x}(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)U_i + (\beta + 2\gamma)U_{xi} + \frac{1}{2}(\beta + 4\gamma)U_{xxxi} \Delta x + \frac{1}{6}(\beta + 8\gamma)U_{xxxxi} \Delta x^2 + O(\Delta x^3)$$

We can choose  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  such that the first 3 terms are:

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$$

$$\beta + 2\gamma = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\beta + 2\gamma = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0 \\ \beta + 2\gamma = 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}\beta + 2\gamma = 0 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1.5 \\ 2 \\ -0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Observe  $\frac{1}{\Delta x}(-1.5U_i + 2U_{i+1} - 0.5U_{i+2}) - U_{xi} = -\frac{1}{3}U_{xxxxi} \Delta x^2 + O(\Delta x^3)$  so this approximation is second order accurate.

## PROBLEM 2

(a)  $v > 0 \rightarrow |v| = v \rightarrow F(u_R, u_L) = \frac{v}{2} 2u_L = v u_L$

$$\Delta x \frac{du_i}{dt} + v u_i - v u_{i-1} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{du_i}{dt} + v \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta x} = 0$$

This is equivalent to the backward space approximation finite difference discretization  $U_{ix} \approx \sum_x U_i = \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta x}$ , observing  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = v U_{xi}$ .

(b)  $\Delta x \frac{du_i}{dt} + F(u_{i+1}, u_i) - F(u_i, u_{i-1}) = \Delta x \frac{du_i}{dt} + \frac{v}{2}(u_{i+1} + u_i) - \frac{v}{2}(u_i + u_{i-1}) =$   

$$= \Delta x \frac{du_i}{dt} + v \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2}$$

The equivalent finite difference approach uses  $U_{xi} \approx \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}$  and the corresponding discretization is:

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} + v \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} \approx \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

### PROBLEM 3

$$a) \tau = U \frac{U_{i+1} - U_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} - \nu \frac{U_{i+1} - 2U_i + U_{i-1}}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$U_i = U_i; \quad U_{i+1} = U_i + \Delta x U_{xi} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^2 U_{xxi} + \frac{1}{6} \Delta x^3 U_{xxxi} + \frac{1}{24} \Delta x^4 U_{xxxxi} + O(\Delta x^5)$$

$$U_{i-1} = U_i - \Delta x U_{xi} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^2 U_{xxi} - \frac{1}{6} \Delta x^3 U_{xxxi} + \frac{1}{24} \Delta x^4 U_{xxxxi} - O(\Delta x^5)$$

$$\frac{U_{i+1} - U_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} = \frac{2\Delta x U_{xi} + \frac{1}{3} \Delta x^3 U_{xxxi}}{2\Delta x} = U_{xi} + \frac{1}{6} \Delta x^2 U_{xxxi}$$

$$U_{i+1} - 2U_i + U_{i-1} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^2 U_{xxi} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{24} \Delta x^4 U_{xxxxi} + O(\Delta x^5)$$


$$\frac{U_{i+1} - 2U_i + U_{i-1}}{\Delta x^2} = U_{xxi} + \frac{1}{12} \Delta x^2 U_{xxxxi}$$

$$\tau = U \left( U_{xi} + \frac{1}{6} \Delta x^2 U_{xxxi} \right) - \nu \left( U_{xxi} + \frac{1}{12} \Delta x^2 U_{xxxxi} \right)$$

Observe  $U U_{xi} - \nu U_{xxi} = 0$  because  $U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}$  was given.

$\tau = \Delta x^2 \left( \frac{U}{6} U_{xxxi} - \frac{\nu}{12} U_{xxxxi} \right)$  The local error suggests that this scheme is **FIRST** order accurate.

$$b) \text{ Write } U \frac{U_{i+1} - U_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} - \nu \frac{U_{i+1} - 2U_i + U_{i-1}}{\Delta x^2} = 0$$


 Dirichlet boundary

Divide the set  $[0, 1]$  into  $N_x$  equal cardinality compact sets

The state vector is  $U_{bc} = (U_0, U_1, \dots, U_{N_x})^T$  but we know

$U_0 = 1$  and  $U_{N_x} = 0$  in all times, so I create  $U = (U_1, \dots, U_{N_x-1})^T$  that contains variable data. For  $i \in \overline{1, N_x-1}$  we impose the discretized  $\partial \Delta E$  so we can create an  $(N_x-1, N_x-1)$  matrix  $A$  with entries resulting from

$$\left( \frac{U}{2\Delta x} + \frac{\nu}{\Delta x^2} \right) U_{i-1} + \left( \frac{-2\nu}{\Delta x^2} \right) U_i + \left( \frac{-U}{2\Delta x} + \frac{\nu}{\Delta x^2} \right) U_{i+1} = 0$$

$$\text{So } A_{i,i-1} = -\frac{U}{2\Delta x} - \frac{\nu}{\Delta x^2}; \quad A_{i,i} = \frac{2\nu}{\Delta x^2}; \quad A_{i,i+1} = \frac{U}{2\Delta x} - \frac{\nu}{\Delta x^2}$$

We will write  $Ax = b$  with  $b_i = 0$  for  $i \in \overline{1, N_x-1}$

The boundary conditions must be incorporated into  $b_0$  and  $b_{N_x}$ :

$$b_1 = \left( -\frac{u}{2\Delta x} - \frac{v}{\Delta x^2} \right) u_0, \quad b_{N_x-1} = \left( \frac{u}{2\Delta x} - \frac{v}{\Delta x^2} \right) u_{N_x-1}$$

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 $1 \quad 0$

c) Put  $N_x = [\alpha / \Delta x]$ , where  $[\alpha] \equiv$  integer part of  $\alpha$

Even though is not the most efficient method, we may create matrix  $A$  in the memory and then  $u = A^{-1}b$  ( $A^{-1}$  was found with Gaussian elimination)